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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of ~~generating~~ providing index information for secure audiovisual ~~objects,~~ objects to a search engine system, the method comprising:

converting at least a portion of ~~an audiovisual~~ a secure audiovisual object into index ~~information; and~~ information, wherein the index information is structured for use in an index database of a search engine system, and wherein the secure audiovisual object is secure in that the search engine system does not have full access to the secure audiovisual object;

obfuscating at least a portion of the index information so that the intelligibility of the contents of the index information is ~~reduced.~~ reduced; and

transmitting the obfuscated index information to the search engine system, wherein the obfuscated index information is for use in the index database of the search engine system.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, additionally comprising dynamically generating an electronic document which comprises at least a portion of the obfuscated index information.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 2, wherein dynamically generating the electronic document comprises customizing, based at least in part upon the indexing characteristics of one or more ~~information-retrieval~~ search engine systems, the content of the electronic document.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of Claim 2, wherein the electronic document comprises a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 2, wherein the secure audiovisual object comprises a bitmap image.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 2, wherein the secure audiovisual object comprises music.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 6, wherein converting at least a portion of the secure audiovisual object into index information text comprises identifying one or more words in the lyrics of the music.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the secure audiovisual object comprises a multimedia presentation.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 8, wherein converting at least a portion of a graphical or audio object the secure audiovisual object into index information comprises reading close captioned information that is associated with the secure audiovisual object.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the secure audiovisual object comprises a streaming media file.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein converting at least a portion of the secure audiovisual object into index information comprises reading close captioned information that is associated with the secure audiovisual object.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method of generating providing index information for secure graphical or audio objects, the method comprising:

reading index information that is associated with a secure graphical or audio object; object, wherein the index information is structured for use in an index database of a search engine system, and wherein the search engine system does not have full access to the secure graphical or audio object;

obfuscating at least a portion of the index information so that the intelligibility of the index information is reduced; and

transmitting the obfuscated index information to an information retrieval system the search engine system, wherein the obfuscated index information is for use in the index database of the search engine system.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 12, additionally comprising dynamically generating an electronic document which comprises at least a portion of the obfuscated index information.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 12, wherein dynamically generating the electronic document comprises customizing, based at least in part upon the indexing characteristics of one or more information retrieval search engine systems, the content of the electronic document.

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Claim 15 (Original): The method of Claim 12, wherein the electronic document comprises a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 12, wherein the <u>secure</u> graphical object comprises a bitmap image.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 12, wherein the <u>secure</u> graphical object is a multimedia presentation.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 12, wherein the <u>secure</u> graphical object is a streaming media file.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method of generating index information for <u>secure</u> graphical or audio objects, <u>the method</u> comprising:

reading index information that is associated with a <u>secure</u> graphical or audio object; and <u>object, wherein the index information is structured for use in an index database of a search engine system, and wherein the secure graphical or audio object is secure in that the search engine system does not have full access to the secure graphical or audio object;</u>

dynamically generating an electronic document based at least in part upon the contents of the index information. <u>information; and</u>

<u>transmitting the electronic document to the search engine system, wherein index information within the electronic document is for use in the index database of the search engine system.</u>

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 19, wherein dynamically generating the electronic document comprises customizing the electronic document, wherein the customizing is based at least in part upon the indexing characteristics of one or more of the information retrieval <u>search engine</u> systems.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of Claim 19, wherein the electronic document comprises a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 19, wherein the <u>secure</u> graphical object comprises a bitmap image.

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Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 19, wherein the secure graphical object is a multimedia presentation.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 19, wherein the secure graphical object is a streaming media file.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A method of generating index information for secure graphical or audio objects, the method comprising:

> converting at least a portion of a secure graphical or audio object into information; andindex index information, wherein the index information is structured for use in an index database of a search engine system, and wherein the search engine system does not have full access to the secure graphical or audio object;

> dynamically generating an electronic document based at least in part upon the contents of the index information. information; and

> transmitting the electronic document to the search engine system, wherein index information within the electronic document is for use in a search-optimized index database of the search engine system.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 25, wherein dynamically generating the electronic document comprises customizing the electronic document, wherein the customizing is based at least in part upon the indexing characteristics of one or more of the information-retrieval search engine systems.

Claim 27 (Original): The method of Claim 25, wherein the electronic document comprises a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.